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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	application of)	
Brian K. Dieckgraefe)	
Serial	No.)	
Filed:	December 19, 2000)	Atty. Dkt. No. 04255.00002
For:	GENE MARKERS FOR CHRONIC MUCOSAL INJURY		
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT			
Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231			
Sir:			
	Please enter the following amendments	bef	ore examining the continuation application which is
filed concurrently herewith.			
IN THE SPECIFICATION:			
	Page 1, between lines 2 and 3 insert:		
1	This application is a continuation of	U.S	S. Serial No. 09/146,969, filed September 4, 1998,
pending			
IN THE CLAIMS			
	Cancel claims 1-3 and 13.		

REMARKS

The present application is directed to claims 4-12 and 14-76.

It is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 18, 2000

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